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NEW FLAG FOR LITHUANIAN SSR

[Comment: The Lithuanian SSR flag is the 11th union-republic flag to be changed within the past 2 years. Other flags changed were those of the following SSRs: Belorussian, Uzbek, Azerbaydzhan, Armenian, Kirgiz, Kazakh, Latvian, Estonian, Tadzhik and Turkmen]

The new flags are more distinctive than the old ones, which were identical to the USSR flag except for minor details.

Changes in the state flag of the Lithuanian SSR were decreed by ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR. The old flag was red with a gold hammer and sickle in the upper left corner at the staff and above them the following inscription in gold letters: "Lietuvos TSR."

The new flag consists of three horizontal stripes. The upper stripe is red and makes up eight twelfths the width of the flag, the middle stripe is white and makes up one twelfth the width of the flag, and the lower stripe is green and makes up three twelfths the width of the flag. In the upper left corner of the red stripe there is a gold hammer and sickle under a red five-pointed star outlined in gold. The ratio of the width of the flag to its length is 1:2.

The ukase also provided that a proposal for the pertinent changes and amendments to Article 117 of the Lithuanian Constitution be introduced for confirmation by the Supreme Soviet of the republic.

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